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SUBJECT:CHILE REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF ITEMS TO GSP

REFS: A) STATE 057706 B) STATE 50501
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1. EMBASSY SHOULD INSERT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IN LETTER
TO CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OUTLINED IN REF A.

2. PARA 2 OF LETTER. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT
THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
CHILE WAS ADDED TO GSP EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1978:
TSUS 148.25 MELONS OTHER THAN CANTALOUPE AND WATER-
MELONS (GSP DUTY-FREE ENTRY ONLY FROM DECEMBER 1 TO
MAY 31). THREE PRODUCTS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT
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OF CHILE WERE LEFT PENDING. EVERY ATTEMPT, HOWEVER,
WILL BE MADE TO REVIEW THESE ITEMS DURING THE NEXT
90 DAYS. PENDING ITEMS ARE TSUS 136.30 FRESH GARLIC,
145.40 ALMONDS, AND 152.76 FRUIT PUREE AND PASTES.
I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THIS REVIEW LED TO A DECISION
TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN THE DUTY STATUS OF FRESH
ONIONS (TSUS 136.93), WINES (167.30) AND WOOD

STICKS, OTHER (206.87). THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THIS CONCLUSION WAS REACHED ARE DESCRIBED BELOW.

3. PARA 4 OF LETTER. THE TPSC IN REVIEWING YOUR REQUEST TO MODIFY THE DUTY STATUS ON WOOD STICKS DETERMINED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS ADVERSE HARM TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY WHICH IS BASICALLY LOCATED IN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREAS OF THE US, IF THESE PRODUCTS HAD BEEN ADDED TO GSP. ON ONIONS, THE TPSC DETERMINED THAT ONIONS ARE IMPORT SENSITIVE AND A LABOR INTENSIVE CROP. PLACING ONIONS ON GSP COULD HAVE INTENSIFIED UNEMPLOYMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS. IN REVIEWING WINE, THE TPSC DETERMINED THAT THERE IS DOMESTIC OVER-CAPACITY AND THAT WINE IMPORTS ARE ALREADY HIGH WITHOUT PREFERENCES. VANCE

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